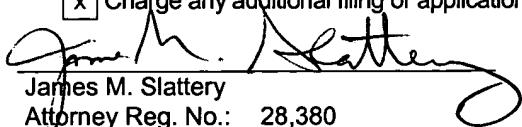


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<b>MS Amendment</b> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectively submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes Claim Set as amended and remarks.